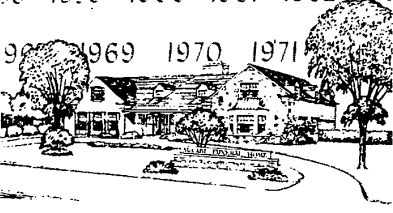


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Crash kills Hills driver

A 63-year-old Farmington Hills man became the seventh traffic fatality in the city Thursday when his car collided with a vehicle carrying a Redford Township woman and her eight-year-old daughter.

Duncan V. Clarkson died at 1 a.m. Friday in Botsford Hospital of multiple internal injuries he sustained in the accident.

Mrs. Peggy Ann Lester, 33, was reported to be in guarded condition at Botsford Hospital. She suffered multiple internal injuries.

Her daughter, Michelle, 8, suffered multiple internal injuries and fractures. The child was taken to St. Mary Hospital, Livonia, where she is listed in slightly improved condition. He remains in the intensive care unit.

Farmington Hills Police are still investigating the accident which involved Mrs. Lester's 1973 Maverick and Clarkson's 1974 Cadillac.

THE CADILLAC was headed west on Eight Mile road near Whitlock in Farmington Hills when it collided with the Maverick which was attempting to turn into the eastbound lane, according to police.



A Maverick was damaged and its two occupants injured in a two-car crash on Eight Mile near Whitlock Thursday. (Staff photo by Janine Kateff)

Student sings in CMU club

Marti Rose of Farmington is a member of the Women's Glee Club at Central Michigan University where she is a junior.

A soprano, Marti is the daughter of Mrs. Barbara McLean.

District asks for mill renewal

Voters in the Farmington School District will be asked to give the schools a four mill present on Valentine's Day.

That's when a four mill school tax is up for renewal. The tax was originally approved by voters ten years ago. With the possibility of a rising state equalized valuation (SEV), (to reflect increasing property values) the four mills could be worth more to the district in the next year, according to William Prisk, assistant superintendent of finance.

Although the SEV won't be announced until March, 1978, school trustees and administrators are speculating that it will bring in as much as \$600,000 into the system during 1978-79.

One mill is equal to \$1 per every \$1,000 in SEV.

The four mill renewal is part of the 35.88 mills that the Farmington system levies to district residents.

"There's absolutely no question in my mind at this point of the absolute need for this money to continue for curriculum and other activities in the schools," Prisk said.

THE FEB. 14 millage renewal will be marked by some changes in the polling place.

Voters who cast their ballots at Eagle Elementary School will be directed to Warner Junior High. Residents who voted this year at Middlebelt Elementary School will be sent to East Junior High.



Fixing up town

Gary Linhart, a City of Farmington employee, recently was part of the team which helped to decorate the city for the Yule season. Here, he hooks up a string of giant lights. (Staff photo)

Lumbermen choose board of directors

Conrad Sullivan, president of the Farmington Lumber Co., has been elected to a 10-year term as vice-president of the Detroit Lumbermen's Association board of directors.

Clifford E. LaMora, president of the Renier Lumber & Hardware Co., Lincoln Park, was elected to a 10-year term as president of the association. James Peterson, president of Greenfield Lumber Co. of Detroit was elected to a 10-year term as secretary. Peterson has served on the board of directors for three years.

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